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FOR D/HA MRS. DERIAN AND ARA/ECA

E.O. 11652: GDS TAGS: SHUM, AR

SUBJECT: PROPOSED VISIT TO ARGENTINA OF COORDINATOR FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

- 1. DURING RECENT CONSULTATION IN WASHINGTON I SUGGESTED THAT MRS. DERIAN WOULD FIND VISIT TO ARGENTINA USEFUL IN REACHING UNDERSTANDING OF HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION HERE.
- 2. I WISH TO CONFIRM THIS INVITATION AND MAKE SPECIFIC SUGGESTIONS FOR DATE AND PROGRAM. EMBASSY WILL BE HEAVILY ENGAGED IN PARTICIPATION IN OR SUPPORT OF UN WATER CONFERENCE TAKING PLACE IN MAR DEL PLATA MARCH 14 TO 28. ARRIVAL IN BUENOS AIRES MONDAY MARCH 28 ON PAN AM FLIGHT 201 WOULD ALLOW FOUR DAYS OF CONSULTATION THROUGH FRIDAY, APRIL 1, WITH RETURN TO WASHINGTON OR VISIT TO ONE OR MORE OTHER COUNTRIES IN AREA AS DESIRED.
- 3. IN ADDITION TO APPROPRIATE BRIEFINGS BY EMBASSY STAFF, I WOULD LIKE COORDINATOR TO SEE SELECTION REPEAT SELECTION OF PEOPLE FROM FOLLOWING LIST OF INDIVIDUALS OR INSTITUTIONS, AS TIME AND STRENGTH ALLOW. ONCE WE HAVE CONFIRMATION OF VISIT, CONFIDENTIAL

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INDICATION OF TIME COORDINATOR PREPARED TO SPEND HERE, AND GENERAL APPROVAL OF PERSONS AND CATEGORIES SUGGESTED, WE WILL PREPARE SCHEDULE.

4. POSSIBLE APPOINTMENTS:

GOA - HUMAN RIGHTS WORKING GROUP OF FOREIGN MINISTRY;

NORTH AMERICAN AFFAIRS STAFF.

UNHCR REPRESENTATIVE ROBERT MULLER (SWISS) AND STAFF.

EDITORS ROBERT COX OF BUENOS AIRES HERALD AND JACOBO TIMERMAN OF LA OPINION.

AMERICAN JOURNALISTS SUCH AS JUAN DE ONIS OF NY TIMES, JOANNE OMANG OF WASHINGTON POST, WILLIAM NICHOLSON OF AP, ON OFF-RECORD BASIS.

ARGENTINE JOURNALISTS SUCH AS MARIANO GRONDONA AND MIGUEL ALURRALDE TO CARTA POLITICA, AND CLAUDIO ESCRIBANO OF LA NACION.

ARGENTINE POLITICAL LEADERS OF RADICAL AND JUSTICIALIST (PERONIST) PARTIES.

LABOR LEADERS.

PAPAL NUNCIO.

WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES REPRESENTATIVE BISHOP GATTINONI.

DELEGATION OF ISRAELI-ARGENTINE ASSOCIATIONS (DAIA)

PRESIDENT RESNIZKY.

AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE KOBADLOFF. CONFIDENTIAL

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AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN RESIDENT IN BUENOS AIRES.

DIPLOMATIC CORPS REPRESENTATIVES--SMALL GROUP OF POLITICAL OFFICERS OF UK, CANADIAN, AUSTRALIAN, PERHAPS DUTCH AND GERMAN EMBASSIES.

- 5. I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT DISCUSSION OF VISIT WITH U. S. PRESS BEFORE, OR ARGENTINE PRESS DURING, WOULD BE HELPFUL TO ACCOMPLISHMENT OF PURPOSE OF VISIT.
- 6. IT WOULD BE USEFUL AND IMPORTANT FOR ARA/ECA TO BRIEF ARGENTINE AMBASSADOR ON VISIT ABOUT ONE WEEK IN ADVANCE, WITH EMPHASIS ON PURPOSE AS FAMILIARIZATION OF NEW COORDINATOR WITH

SITUATION AND NOT RPT NOT MISSION TO GIVE USG VIEWS TO GOA.

7. I BELIEVE SUCH A VISIT IS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT AT THIS POINT IN OUR RELATIONS WITH ARGENTINA, AND LOOK FORWARD TO

RECEIVING MRS. DERIAN.

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